

21st Annual LifeSciences BC Awards, presented by FARRIS APRIL 4, 2019

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – DEADLINE JANUARY 4, 2019 @ 5.00pm PT

LifeSciences BC's **21st Annual LifeSciences BC Awards, presented by FARRIS on April 4, 2019**, is an opportunity to celebrate our community's many achievements with our peers, family and friends. This is our moment to recognize and honour the efforts of all those who have invested their life's work in advancing successful health outcomes.

B.C. has found its place on the international life sciences stage and is recognized in Canada and beyond for its significant accomplishments in medical technology, biopharmaceuticals, health delivery systems, and medical research. We have reached beyond our borders to impact patient health, while ensuring that the life sciences sector here at home, remains vibrant and sustainable.

Innovations can cover the full spectrum of life sciences research, aimed at any disease area, including rare or neglected diseases. The awards will recognize the perseverance of individuals and groups that have achieved success in endeavoring to move discoveries from bench to bedside.

We are fortunate to have a life sciences ecosystem that bridges academia with a thriving research & development bio-network. British Columbia has world-class healthcare facilities, distinguished health & medical foundations, and renowned centres of excellence that are supportive of translating and commercializing innovations in healthcare.

LifeSciences BC members, as well as non-members, may nominate either companies or individuals using the criteria outlined below. Awards may be given in any of the life science sectors represented by LifeSciences BC including, but not limited to, biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical technologies, health IT and genomics.

Submission Deadline: 5:00 pm on Friday, January 4, 2019

NOMINATION PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

- All nominations are first received by LifeSciences BC management who will confirm the eligibility of the nominee, as well as ensure that the nomination form is complete before putting the nomination before the Adjudication Committee.
- Awards are only open to individuals and organizations that work and operate in the life sciences industry in B.C., unless otherwise specified in the category criteria. The nominator can reside outside of B.C.
- Previous winners are not eligible for a second award in the same category.
- Previous winners may receive an award in another category after two years have passed. (This criterion does not apply to the Deal of the Year Award.)
- All nominations must be re-submitted annually in order to be considered. It is the nominator's responsibility to keep a nomination current.
- Max. length of two pages each, for CV and publication attachments. Attachments to be submitted in 12pt Times New Roman or 11pt Arial font.
- Upon submission, all nominations become the property of LifeSciences BC and will be kept confidential.
- The identities of nominees will not be made public unless they win the award.
- Decisions are final and may not be appealed.
- Before announcing the winner, LifeSciences BC will determine that the nominee is willing to receive the award.
- LifeSciences BC will not make posthumous awards.
- The following persons may **NOT** be nominated:
 - *Staff of LifeSciences BC*
 - *Serving members of the Adjudication Committee*
- The Adjudication Committee is under no obligation to make an award in any category where, in its opinion, the quality of the nominations does not warrant it. The Committee may, at its discretion, select a nominee as the award recipient in a category other than the one(s) in which they have been nominated if they feel their achievements better suit another category.
- Nominators should not expect, nor ask for, LifeSciences BC staff to assist in the preparation of a nomination beyond general advice concerning the process, dates for submission and/or proper forms to use/submit. LifeSciences BC staff will not offer opinions as to a nomination's chances of success.
- Except for the MSFHR Aubrey J. Tingle Prize, award recipients are chosen by an Adjudication Committee which is made up of members representing the broad life sciences community; while chosen by LifeSciences BC's board and management, the Committee operates independently.
- Submissions received for the MSFHR Aubrey J. Tingle Prize will be reviewed by a volunteer external senior panel, convened by MSFHR, and their recommendation will be forwarded to the executive committee of MSFHR's Board of Directors for ratification.
- Nominators will receive an automatic email notice confirming that their nomination has been received. If you do not receive a reply within one business day of submitting your nomination, please contact: Irma Zukic at izukic@lifesciencesbc.ca or call 669-9909 EXT. 1

CATEGORIES

A minimum of five winners will be chosen from any of the following categories:

Life Sciences Company of the Year Award

This award is presented to a company that is operating in the British Columbia life sciences area and whose accomplishments stood out in 2018 by a strong overall performance. This performance may be measured by achieving major milestones such as moving the business from an early stage to a more mature company, raising significant funds, launching a product on the market and/or achieving or nearing commercial success.

Award Criteria:

- Company is headquartered in British Columbia with a majority of their operations in British Columbia
- Company must have more than five years of operating results
- Company has secured capital of greater than \$50M in capital or company's annual revenue is projected to reach in excess of \$10M
- Company has excellent and proven execution of business strategies
- Company has demonstrated effective leadership following a clear vision
- Company has a key market position/opportunity and/or strategic advantages leading to strong business results

To submit a nomination in this category, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Growth Stage Life Sciences Company of the Year Award

This award is presented to an early-stage life sciences company which, although not yet achieving commercial success, has demonstrated outstanding performance and realized significant milestones in 2018 and is positioned well for potential future commercial success.

Award Criteria:

- Company is headquartered in British Columbia with their majority of operations in British Columbia
- Company must have more than two years of operating results
- Company has added a minimum of 10 employees or full-time equivalents (including consultants), in the last two years
- Company has a proven ability to secure capital (through public, private or other sources) and has raised greater than \$1M in the last two years
- Company has had a key transaction in the last 12 months that will benefit the company's growth
- Company has a key market position/opportunity and/or strategic advantages with the possibility of leading to strong business results in the future
- Strategic decisions made by management (e.g. ability to raise capital, demonstrated ability to achieve profitability) that led to significant growth or expansion in 2018

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Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence

This award honours an individual, group or company located in B.C. that has received significant national or international recognition in 2018 in the fields of genomics and one of the following: proteomics, bioinformatics or systems biology.

Award Criteria:

- Scientific contribution to advancing the relevant fields of genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics or systems biology, including both the scientific task and how that task contributed to the resolution of the issue
- Multiple successful and key efforts utilizing original techniques or research methods in the relevant fields
- Monumental work and innovative ideas and/or viewpoints
- Technical and/or non-technical scientific achievement and/or challenge
- New successfully executed research of national and/or international importance
- Proven outcomes, benefits and/or extraordinary results
- Publication in peer-reviewed journal and citations of work by other authors



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Medical Technology Company of the Year Award

This award is presented to a company developing a non-biopharmaceutical medical technology that stood out in 2018 by achieving major milestones. This award acknowledges a unique solution or product that clearly demonstrates an alternative solution or a next-stage development in medical technology.

Award Criteria:

- Company must be a medical device, diagnostics, digital health or e-health company located in B.C.
- Company must have at least two years of operating results
- Company has raised greater than \$5M in capital or company's annual revenue exceeds \$3M
- Company has a minimum of 10 employees, or full-time equivalents, including consultants
- The featured/key product or solution of the organization must be commercialized
- Company has excellent and proven execution of business strategies
- Company holds effective leadership following a clear vision
- Company has a key market position/opportunity and/or sustainable strategic advantages leading to strong business results
- Has been involved in a significant transaction in the last 12 months

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Award for Clinical Research Excellence

This award is intended to recognize a group, institution or company that has demonstrated excellence in the development and/or delivery of clinical research in the Province of B.C. The clinical research definition to be used is that of the NIH;

“clinical research” is research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. Excluded from this definition are in vitro studies that utilize human tissues that cannot be linked to a living individual.

Clinical research includes:

- **Patient-oriented research** – This type of research involves a person or group, that uses materials from humans. This research can include 1) mechanisms of human disease, 2) therapeutic interventions, 3) clinical trials, and 4) development of new technologies.
- **Epidemiological and behavioral studies** – These types of studies examine the distribution of disease, the factors that affect health, and how people make health-related decisions.
- **Outcomes and health services research** – These studies seek to identify the most effective and most efficient interventions, treatments, and services.”

Award Criteria:

- Clinical research initiatives that are based or originate in the Province of B.C. in the last 36 months
- Outstanding clinical research initiative, or successful new clinical research service or programs that have enhanced patient access to advanced treatment or care protocols in a clinical research initiative
- Significant advancement in patient outcomes, versus standard of care, that can positively impact on the healthcare system delivery and/or costs in the province of B.C. as measured by health economics
- Sustainable and durable high standard of clinical care established as a result of the clinical research initiative
- Leading institution or company engaging in significant local, national and international collaborations that benefit the Province of B.C. for a period of two to three years
- Demonstrated leadership role in development of clinical standards
- Direct and measurable inward investment as a result of the clinical initiative
- Outcome of the clinical research may have a direct commercial benefit(s)

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Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Aubrey J. Tingle Prize

The Aubrey J. Tingle Prize is awarded annually to a British Columbia clinician scientist whose work in health research is internationally recognized and has had a significant impact on advancing research in their field— as well as the uptake of this evidence — to improve health and the health system in BC and globally.



Eligibility criteria:

- The nominee must be a British Columbia-based clinician scientist who is actively engaged in clinical or health services and policy research. [1]
- The nominee must be notable for contribution to research in their field and its translation to improve health and the health system.
- The nominee's research should be recognizable internationally as novel, original, and of the highest caliber.
- The individual should have a significant mentorship record above and beyond supervision of trainees. They should be regarded as a role model to students and investigators in their field.
- The nominee must have a track record of publishing in peer-reviewed journals.

Nomination and review process

The complete nomination package will consist of:

- Letters from two sponsors: the first from the person proposing the candidate, outlining the rationale for this nomination and addressing the eligibility criteria; the second from an individual willing to endorse the nomination.
- The nominee's curriculum vitae, including a list of publications in the past 10 years and a description of their five most significant contributions.
- Two of the nominee's best publications.
- Contact information (phone & email) for the person being nominated. [2]

[1] Candidates must be PhD prepared. Clinician Scientist can include medical doctors as well as health professionals belonging to one of BC's regulated health professions as recognized by the BC Health Professions Act. Candidates must hold an MD, MD-equivalent or PhD.

[2] Information will only be used to contact the successful award recipient.

Review and selection of the candidates will be made by a volunteer external senior panel, and their recommendation will be forwarded to the executive committee of MSFHR's Board of Directors for ratification. The deadline for submissions is January 04, 2019.

Contact:

For more information about the prize or the nomination process, contact:

Andrew Biagtan, Research Competitions Coordinator: 604.714.6602 or abiagtan@msfhr.org

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Deal of the Year Award

This award honours an individual or an organization that, over the last 12 months, have positively impacted on the life sciences sector in British Columbia. Organizations eligible to win this award include, but are not limited to the areas of law, finance, accounting, economic development, incubation, clinical research & consulting. This award is also open to significant collaborations, transactions or innovations that have taken place with companies in the life sciences sector.

Award Criteria:

- Advisor and/or engagement in a major transaction that had a transformative impact on a business (e.g. wider business impact, such as the development of new markets, products, services and/or technologies and the creation or retention of quality employment opportunities in B.C.) in the last 12 months
- Advisor or organization has proven to offer quality services and/or solutions as recognized by collaborators
- Advisor or organization has proven ability to demonstrate return on investment
- Proven ability to present creative and innovative solutions that benefit B.C.'s life sciences community in the short and long term

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Strategic Life Sciences Partner of the Year Award

This award acknowledges the outstanding contributions of corporations that significantly impacted the British Columbia life sciences sector in 2018. The award highlights the positive engagement with the sector that have directly resulted from active agreements and/or collaboration that this corporation is now involved in in British Columbia.

Award Criteria:

- Company can be located inside or outside the province of B.C.
- Must be recognized for their commitment of promoting and supporting the life sciences industry in B.C.
- Must have contributed significantly to the development or success of the life sciences industry in the B.C. community during the past year
- Has positive impact on more than one organization in the B.C. life sciences community
- Has invested a min. of \$10M in the province in the last 12 months
- Investment and/or collaboration can cover a broad range of impacts (e.g. employment, supply chain, prototype development)

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Milton Wong Award for Leadership

This award is designed to recognize an individual working in the life sciences and/or biotechnology industry in British Columbia, who has demonstrated a significant contribution to the development of the sector. The award highlights the accomplishments of a person who has impacted and strengthened relationships with external supporters favouring the sector.



Award Criteria:

- Nominee does not need to be working directly in the life sciences industry in B.C. (e.g. nominee could be working at a service providing firm)
- Nominee's positive influence & engagement in the life sciences community will continue for the foreseeable future
- Must have achieved or is nearing significant commercial success
- Must be recognized for their commitment to promoting and supporting the life sciences industry in B.C.
- Must have contributed significantly to the development or success of the life sciences industry in the B.C. community in the past year
- Has positive impact on more than one organization in the B.C. life sciences community

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Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement

This award is presented to an exceptional senior executive in celebration of an outstanding career in the life sciences sector. The individual's contributions may be a new innovation, new knowledge, or ways to improve professional practice. The performance will be based on several factors including financing, partnerships, accomplishments of milestones and growth.



Award Criteria:

- May be retired or semi-retired, but may still be active in the industry in some capacity
- May currently be living outside of B.C., but must have made the majority of their contributions in B.C.
- Lasting impact of contribution(s) throughout their career
- Demonstration of leadership and inspiration to others in the sector
- Mentored young and upcoming members of the life sciences community
- Overcoming of obstacles throughout their career
- Positive influence on the sector on a provincial, national and/or international level
- Was involved in significant deals that benefited both B.C. life sciences sector and sector as a whole

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PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE LIFESCIENCES BC AWARDS:

Year	Winner	Category
2018	Dr. Sally Aitken Zymeworks Inc. Abcellera Biologics Inc. bioLytical Laboratories Inc. Redlen Technologies Inc. StarFish Medical Inc. Dr. Michael Abrams Drs. Connie & Allen Eaves Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Deal of the Year Growth Stage Life Sciences Company of the Year Growth Stage Medtech Company of the Year Medtech Company of the Year Strategic Life Sciences Partner of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement LifeSciences Company of the Year
2017	Leonard Foster Celator Pharmaceuticals Inc. Innovative Targeting Solutions Clarius Mobile Health IRAP - Pacific Dr. William Hunter Dr. Alan Winter McKesson Imaging & Workflow Solutions	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Deal of the Year Growth Stage Life Sciences Company of the Year Growth Stage Medtech Company of the Year Strategic Life Sciences Partner of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement Life Sciences Company of the Year
2016	Dr. Christoph Borchers Friedman Lab, UBC Arbutus Biopharma Corporation Aequus Pharmaceuticals Inc. Precision NanoSystems Inc. Jonathan Kallner Dr. Richard Glickman Dr. Victor Ling Zymeworks Inc.	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Award for Clinical Research Excellence Deal of the Year Growth Stage Life Sciences Company of the Year Growth Stage Medtech Company of the Year Strategic Life Sciences Partner of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement Life Sciences Company of the Year
2015	Dr. Mel Krajden BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Kardium Inc. Qu Biologics Inc. STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Dr. Pieter Cullis Dr. Simon Sutcliffe Joseph Garcia	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Award for Clinical Research Excellence Medical Technology Company of the Year Growth Stage Life Sciences Company of the Year Life Sciences Company of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement Corporate Partner/Advisor of the Year

2014	Dr. Elizabeth M. Simpson Dr. John Webb PHEMI™ Health Systems Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corp. Hector MacKay-Dunn Dr. Robert C. Brunham	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Emerging Life Sciences Company of the Year Life Sciences Company of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement
2013	Dr. B. Brett Finlay Dr. Richard Harrigan Zymeworks Inc. Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc. Kenneth Galbraith STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Dr. Joseph M. Connors	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Emerging Life Sciences Company of the Year Life Sciences Company of the Year Milton Wong Award for Leadership Medical Technology of the Year Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement
2012	Dr. Neil Cashman Dr. Tim Durance Dr. Bruce McManus Neovasc Inc. Dr. Ian de la Roche	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Milton Wong Award for Leadership Medical Device Company of the Year Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement
2011	Dr. Michael Hayden Dr. Andre Marziali Paul Geyer Starfish Medical Dr. Judith Hall	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Leadership Award Medical Device Company of the Year Dr. Don Rix Award for Lifetime Achievement
2010	Drs. Marco Marra, Rob Holt, and Steven Jones Andy Hoffer Don Avison Neoteric Cardiome Pharma Corp.	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Leadership Award Medical Device Company of the Year Life Sciences Company of the Year
2009	Dr. Ben Koop and Dr. Willie Davidson John Babcook Dr. Jack Saddler and Dr. Julio Montaner Response Biomedical Corporation OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals and Nexterra Energy Corporation	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Leadership Awards Medical Device Company of the Year Life Sciences Companies of the Year

2008	Don Riddle Pyng Medical Corporation Bob Rieder Bernie Bressler and Roger Foxall Martin Taylor Lignol Energy Corporation	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Medical Device Company of the Year Executive of the Year Lifetime Achievement Leadership Award Emerging Life Sciences Company of the Year
2007	Ultrasonix Medical Corp. Alan Winter & Aubrey Tingle Dr. Allan & Connie Eaves Max Cynader David Dolphin	Medical Device Company of the Year Leadership Award Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Researcher of the Year Lifetime Achievement
2006	Dr. Ross McGillivray Dr. Martin Gleave Neuromed Pharmaceuticals Richard Glickman Dale Gann	Genome British Columbia Award for Scientific Excellence Innovation and Achievement Life Sciences Company of the Year Leadership Volunteer of the Year
2005	Aspreva Pharmaceuticals Dr. Greg Beatch Dr. Anthony Holler	Life Sciences Company of the Year Innovation and Achievement Executive of the Year
2004	Dr. Terry Snutch Angiotech Pharmaceuticals Dr. Julia Levy BCCSA Genome Sciences Centre	Researcher of the Year Life Sciences Company of the Year Lifetime Achievement Innovation and Achievement
2003	UBC University-Industry Liaison Office Frank Holler Dr. Brett Finlay	Lifetime Achievement Vision and Leadership Innovation and Achievement
2002	Dr. Bill Hunter Dr. Pieter Cullis Dr. Julian Davies	Vision and Leadership Innovation and Achievement Lifetime Leadership and Achievement
2001	Dr. James Miller Dr. Robert Hancock Dr. Joe Mueller Dr. Donald Rix Joseph Garcia	Vision and Leadership Innovation and Achievement Community Involvement and Enhancement Lifetime Leadership and Achievement Award Volunteer of the Year

2000	Dr. Michael Hayden Dr. Victor Ling Monty Little Sheila Grant	Vision and Leadership Innovation and Achievement Community Involvement and Enhancement Volunteer of the Year
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1999	Dr. Julia Levy Dr. Michael Smith Dr. Paul Barran Mary Yaroshevsky-Glanville	Vision and Leadership Innovation and Achievement Community Involvement and Enhancement Volunteer of the Year
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